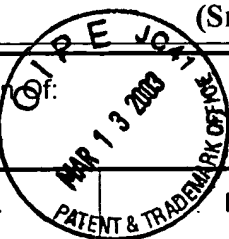


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Small Entity)

Docket No.
P025 **375**

In Re Application of:

Gauthier et al



Serial No.
09/484,548

Filing Date
1/18/00

Examiner
David, Isabella J.

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Invention:

MICROWAVE ABLATION INSTRUMENT WITH FLEXIBLE ANTENNA ASSEMBLY AND METHOD

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of October 8, 2002 in the above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month ☒ Two months ☐ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: January 8, 2003
Date

until: March 8, 2003
Date

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.
☒ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is **\$205** and is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **50-1894**
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **50-1894** A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Signature

Dated: **March 10, 2003**

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on **March 10, 2003** with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Ross M. Carothers

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